

**CITY OF AKRON, OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE
BUREAU OF ENGINEERING
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT
LEGAL NOTICE**

The City of Akron, Ohio, a charter municipal corporation, is seeking qualification statements and pricing proposals ("Proposals") from construction firms to construct the Project described in more detail below.

Sealed Proposals will be received at the City of Akron Engineering Bureau, Room 701, 166 South High Street, Akron, Ohio 44308 until 11:00 am local time on the date indicated below for:

MAIN OUTFALL SEWER CAP

**Proposal Due Date: December 9, 2015
City's Engineer's Estimate: Alt. A: \$33,497,052
Alt. B: \$34,578,802**

Project Description: Construction of a pneumatically placed mortar cap with auger-cast pile foundations on the existing Main Outfall Sewer for a distance of approximately 8,100 linear feet. The limits are from the Water Reclamation Facility to near the Lock 22 Plaza. Removal of center pier of the sewer bridge across the Cuyahoga River (alternate bid).

All questions related to this Request for Proposals must be submitted in writing to City no later than 11:00 am local time on November 20, 2015. City shall issue a response to all questions received by such deadline no later than 12:00 pm local time on December 2, 2015.

Copies of plans, specifications and Proposal Documents for the Project are on file and can be obtained from SE Blueprint, Inc., 540 South Main Street, Suite 211, Akron, Ohio 44311 (at a cost of Sixty Dollars (\$60.00), which amount is not refundable. PLEASE FAX OR E-MAIL YOUR QUANTITY REQUESTS PRIOR TO PURCHASE, FAX: 330-376-2511, E-MAIL: akron@seblueprint.com YOU WILL THEN BE CONTACTED WHEN PLANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP. They can also be viewed in the office of the Bureau of Engineering, 7th Floor Municipal Building, Akron, Ohio.

Persons with disabilities needing assistance are asked to contact the Office of the ADA Coordinator, 166 South High Street, Room 203, Akron, Ohio 44308, (330) 375-2189 (voice), (330) 375-2345 (TDD), at least seven (7) days in advance.

Firms must use the prepared forms provided in this Proposal Book, which forms include compliance with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended, Equal Employment Opportunity. The requirements for firm under these orders are explained in the specifications.

Disadvantaged Business (DBE) participation goals (subcontracts, materials, supplies) have been set on this Project for those certified as DBEs in accordance with a federal agency such as the Small Business Administration or the Department of Transportation or by an approved State of Ohio agency. The Unified Certification Program (UCP) administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) can provide necessary DBE certifications.

This procurement is subject to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) policy of encouraging the participation of small businesses in rural areas (SBRAs). For the purpose of this Project, the Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Utilization goals shall be defined as contractors and/or subcontractors with MBEs for the minimum amount of 1.2% of the Contract Sum; and the Women's Business Enterprise

(WBE) Utilization goals shall be defined as contractors and/or subcontractors with WBEs for the minimum amount of 1.8% of the Contract Sum.

Each Proposal must include a detailed plan to meet or exceed the City's local workforce goals, and a separate plan to meet or exceed the City's local EDGE/DBE/MBE/WBE firm goals and the EPA diversity inclusion goals set forth above. The final agreed upon plans will be attached to the Agreement as exhibits and the selected firm shall be obligated to comply with said plans.

Not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this Project, and the selected firm must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin.

Each Proposal must include a detailed construction schedule to complete the Project by the scheduled Substantial Completion Date of November 30, 2017, and to satisfy Achievement of Full Operation (AFO) by November 30, 2017, as described in more detail in the Agreement. Such construction schedule shall include duration and completion dates for the Project showing when the Proposer anticipates meeting AFO. The milestone dates set forth in the construction schedule will be attached to the Agreement as an exhibit and the selected Proposer shall be obligated to comply with said schedule.

The selected firm shall be charged Liquidated Damages and/or Stipulated Penalties (as defined in the Agreement) for every calendar day Substantial Completion of the Work is delayed beyond the Contract Time as set forth in the General Conditions and/or Supplemental Conditions.

Each firm must submit with its Proposal a certified check in the sum of five percent (5%) of the Contract Sum (as defined in the Agreement) on a solvent bank or a bond in like amount, acceptable to the City of Akron, as a guarantee that if the Proposal is accepted, the Agreement will be entered into.

Proposals may be held by City for a period not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) days after the date Proposals are opened for the purpose of reviewing the Proposals and investigating the qualifications of firms prior to awarding the Agreement.

Except as provided in Section 34.09 of the City's Code of Ordinance, the firm to whom the Agreement is awarded will be required to furnish a performance and payment bond in the sum of 100% of the Contract Sum for the faithful performance of the contract. The performance and payment bond shall remain in full effect until Final Completion of the Project.

The Director of Public Service reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, and to waive informalities.

By Order of the Director of Public Service
John O. Moore
Director of Public Service

Advertise: November 7, 14, 21, 2015